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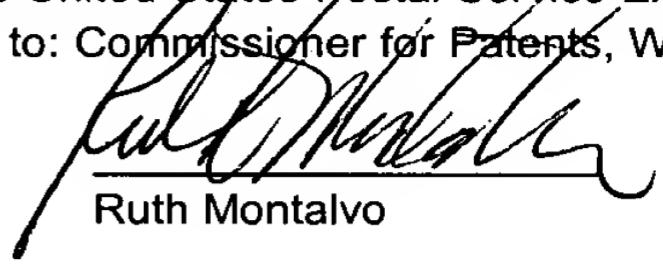
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARKS OFFICE

Applicant(s): Yoshihiko MAKINO, et al.

Application No.: 09/887,625

Group: 1634

Filed: June 22, 2001

Examiner: A.K. CHAKRABARTI

For: METHOD OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACIDS

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PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION

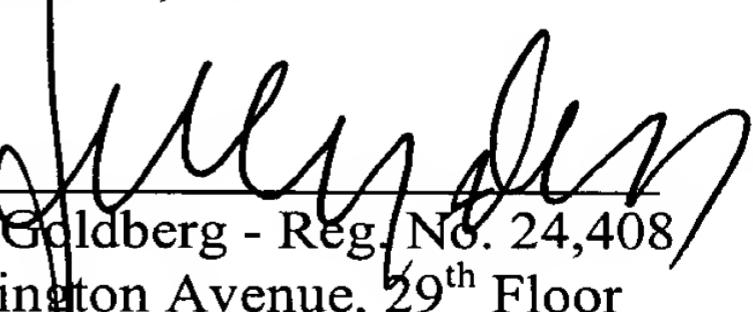
Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2002. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$920.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

Respectfully submitted,

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